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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIMV, AR, US

SUBJECT: SITUATION OF AMERICAN COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA

REF STATE 213236

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL.
WE FULLY AGREE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO MAKE SUCH AN
APPROACH AND I PLAN TO SEE VIGNES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AFTER HIS RETURN. BECUASE OF ECON MINISTER GELBARD'S
ILLNESS AND UNCERTAIN TENURE, I AM NOT MAKING THE APPROACH
TO HIM.

2. SEPTTEL CONTAINS MY LETTER OF SEP 23 ALREADY POUCHED TO
FRANK ORTIZ (ARA/APU) WITH OUR RECENT THOUGHTS ON THIS SAME
SUBJECT.

3. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE ALSO REPORTING ANOTHER PROBLEM WHICH
SEEMS TO FIT THIS PATTERN, THIS TIME INVOLVING KAISER ALUMINUM
OF ARGENTINA. GOA TAX AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY INTEND TO FORCE
KAISER TO PAY ALLEGED BACK TAXES ON EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES
ARISING FROM PAYMENTS FOR ALUMINUM IMPORTED UNDER US DOLLAR
CONTRACTS. KAISER HAS NOT, HOWEVER, REQUESTED EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE BUT WISHES TO KEEP US INFORMED.

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